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Promotion of education among Mappillas.

*379 Q.—Mr. K. Uppi Sahib: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have done anything special for promoting the education of Mappillas especially those of Mappilla-nad, viz., Ernad, Walluvanad and Ponnani after the rebellion of 1921; and

(b) if so, what they are and how much money has been spent?

A.—The attention of the hon. Member is invited to paragraph 107 and to statement No. 84 in Volumes I and II respectively of the Report on Public Instruction in the Madras Presidency for the year 1926-27 and for the quinquennium 1921-22 to 1926-27. Separate figures as to expenditure on Mappilla education are not available.

Religious instruction in Mappilla Training School at Malappuram.

*380 Q.—Mr. K. Uppi Sahib: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the present Headmaster of the Government Mappilla Training School at Malappuram has cut short the number of periods for teaching religious subjects in that institution;

(b) if so, why; and

(c) what was the time allotted for teaching religious subjects in the institution before and after the advent of the present Headmaster?

A.—The Government have no information; but will call for it.

Alleged ban on two Muslim newspapers of Malabar.

*381 Q.—Mr. K. Uppi Sahib: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) the reasons for the banning of the two Muslim newspapers of Malabar, viz., the *Al-Ameen* and the *Aykiam* from the students' reading room of the Government Training School for Mappillas at Malappuram by the Headmaster;

(b) whether it was done at the instance of Government; and

(c) what are the newspapers that the students are permitted to read?

A.—The Government have not issued any orders on the subject; nor have they any information regarding it.

Number of Mappilla teachers trained at Malappuram Government Training School.

*382 Q.—Mr. K. Uppi Sahib: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether complaints have been received by Government that the number of Mappilla teachers trained at Malappuram Government Mappilla Training School is quite inadequate to supply the demand; and

(b) whether they will be pleased to open another training school for Mappillas in North Malabar?